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In re Application of  
Herbert Bruder, et al.  
Application No. 10/686,629  
Filed: October 17, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. 32860-000635/US

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed May 11, 2006, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

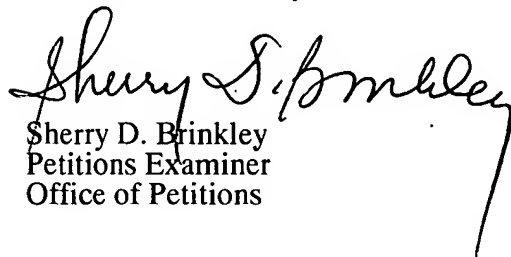
The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for a failure to reply in a timely manner to the Office action under Ex parte Quale, 1935 Dec. Comm'r Pat. 11 (1935), mailed April 4, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on February 14, 2006. In response, on May 11, 2006, an amendment and the present petition were filed.

The petition is found to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. All other inquiries regarding this application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2882 for consideration of the amendment filed May 11, 2006.

  
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